

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15 and 18 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting a DSP Datalink Service Provider route for a each individual digital message, the method comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a unique prioritization tag for the each individual digital message, the unique prioritization tag comprising user chosen routing priority criteria;
 - b) supplying the prioritized criteria from the user to an overlay software;
 - c) automatically choosing the DSP Datalink Service Provider route by evaluating the prioritized criteria in the overlay software; and
 - d) routing the each individual digital message through the chosen DSP Datalink Service Provider route.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of tracking the chosen DSP Datalink Service Provider route for accounting purposes.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of preparing a billing record of the chosen DSP Datalink Service Provider route.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising repeating steps a) through d) for a next user.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising repeating steps a) through d) for a next digital message.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said prioritized criteria comprises at least one of the following criteria:

- a) cost of sending the digital message;
- b) speed of delivery of the digital message;
- c) security of the digital message; and
- d) integrity of the digital message.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of choosing a DSP Datalink Service Provider route is performed at a member of the group consisting of a vehicle, a user initiation facility, and a government control facility.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of tagging providing a unique prioritization tag comprises providing a manual tagging.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing a unique prioritization tagging comprises providing an automatic tagging.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said overlay software comprises at least one of the following:

- lookup tables;
- logarithmic calculations and real-time information on cost;
- available DSP Datalink Service Provider routes; and
- DSP Datalink Service Provider route status information.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising the step of updating the real-time information.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of updating comprises time-based updates.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the step of updating comprises querying at least one ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider ~~provider~~.

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14. (Currently Amended) An avionics routing method for an individual digital messages, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a unique prioritization tag for a the individual digital message, the unique prioritization tag comprising user chosen routing priority criteria;
- b) supplying the ~~priorityized~~ criteria from the user to an overlay software;
- c) evaluating the ~~priorityized~~ criteria by the overlay software;
- d) automatically choosing a ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider route from at least two ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider service providers by the overlay software; and
- e) transmitting the individual digital message through the chosen ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider route.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 further comprising the step of tracking the chosen ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider route for accounting purposes.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 further comprising repeating steps a) through e) for a next digital message.

17. (Original) The ~~method~~ of claim 14 wherein said ~~priorityized~~ criteria comprises at least one of the following criteria:

- a) a cost of sending the digital message;
- b) speed of delivery of the digital message;
- c) security of the digital message; and
- d) integrity of the digital message.

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18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein said overlay software comprises at least one of the following:

lookup tables;

logarithmic calculations and real-time information on cost;

available ~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider routes; and

~~DSP~~ Datalink Service Provider route status information.